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LOK SABHA

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SETTING UP OF NYAYA PANCHAYATS
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is contemplating to set up Nyaya Panchayats with a view to strengthening the Panchayats by giving them judicial powers;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the ambit of their jurisdiction; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (c): Government have under consideration a proposal to introduce a Bill on Nyaya Panchayats to provide an alternative forum of dispute resolution at the grassroots level with community involvement through mediation, conciliation and compromise. A Committee has been constituted to draft the proposed Bill on Nyaya Panchayats, under the Chairpersonship of the eminent jurist, Prof. Upendra Baxi. The draft Bill aims at complementing the Bill on Gram Nyayalayas being piloted through Parliament by the Hon'ble Minister of Law & Justice.